

REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claim 22 has been amended and Claims 16 to 21, 25 to 28, 33, and 34 have been cancelled, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention.

In the Office Action, Claims 16 to 28, 33, and 34 were rejected as being unpatentable over Onishi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,134,334, either alone or in view of Culp, U.S. Patent No. 5,350,966. While Applicant continues to disagree with the Examiner's position that these references are relevant to the claimed invention, Claims 16 to 21, 25 to 28, 33, and 34 have been cancelled above, without prejudice to being the subject of a continuing application. Claim 22 has been amended to no longer be dependent upon now-cancelled Claim 16.

Claims 1 to 15 and 29 to 32 have been allowed. Applicants submit that dependent Claim 22 as amended and Claims 23 and 24, which depend from Claim 22, should be allowed as well.

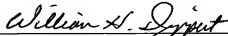
This paper is intended to put all the claims remaining in allowable condition and to not raise new issues that would require further searching or consideration by the Examiner. Therefore, entry of this paper is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

Should the claims herein be allowable but for a minor matter that could be the subject of an Examiner's Amendment or a further submission by Applicant, Applicant would appreciate the Examiner's contacting Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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